

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of forming a metal line in a semiconductor device, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) sequentially forming a first interlayer insulation film, an etch-stopping layer, and a second interlayer insulation film on a semiconductor substrate having a predetermined semiconductor structural layer;
  - (b) forming a contact hole which partially exposes the semiconductor structural layer by performing an etching process using an etching mask for the contact hole;
  - 10 (c) forming a metal plug to bury the contact hole;
  - (d) sequentially forming an anti-diffusion film and a third interlayer insulation film on the whole structure;
  - (e) performing an etching process using an etching mask for a trench to form the trench in such a way that the second interlayer insulation film is over-etched by using the etch-stopping layer as an etching barrier; and
  - 15 (f) forming a metal line to bury the trench.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the etch-stopping layer is composed of SiC, SiN, or SiON.
- 20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the first interlayer insulation film and the second interlayer insulation film are formed by depositing BPSG, PSG, USG, or FSG, or by a film in which fluorine, hydrogen, boron, or phosphorous is locally diffused into SiO or SiO<sub>2</sub> in a substitutional or interstitial manner.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the etching process in the step (b) is performed by using a  $C_xH_yF_z$  gas (x, y, and z are 0 or any natural number) as a main etchant gas and an inert gaseous atom or a molecule of  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $SF_6$ ,  $Ar$ ,  
5 or  $He$  as an additive gas.